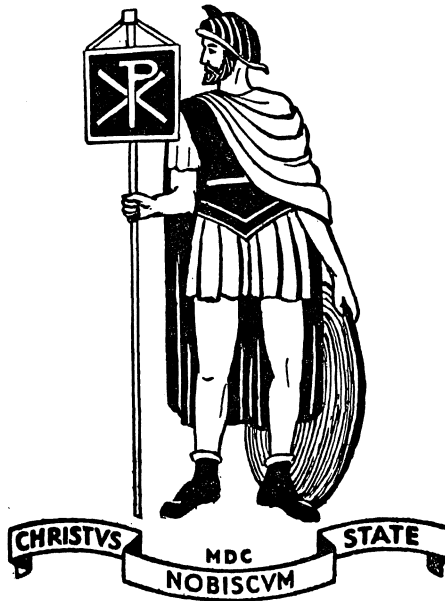


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NOTES AND NEWS

The year started with 419 pupils on the roll of whom 108 were in the Sixth Form. In order to ease the accommodation problem, the rooms above the staff rooms have been brought into use for teaching Sixth Form and other small groups. Extra furniture has also been provided for the Library.

Among the many excursions which took place during the year were those organised by Miss Simm for the fifth and sixth form Art groups. These included a weekend in London in November when numerous galleries were visited, a visit to the Royal Academy to see the "Golden Age of Spanish Painting" exhibition, and a trip to Oxford to see last year's top "A" level entries, which no doubt acted as an inspiration to many. There have also been trips for the lower and upper sixth to Economics lectures at Birmingham University, a visit to Leicester University for a Mathematics lecture, and the annual visit to see a Spanish play. Several theatre trips were organised, including visits to Warwick University to see "Oedipus Rex" and to the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, to see "Macbeth".

Of the Parents' Association activities, we would like to mention the Barn Dance in the autumn which was greatly enjoyed by many, as was the games' evening in which pupils and parents alike were invited to compete together in various sporting activities. Another type of games' evening took place in the spring when certain television spectacles, such as "Mr. and Mrs." and "University Challenge" were reproduced on stage by members of staff and pupils. All these activities were well attended and immensely enjoyed.

The "come-dressed-as-you-like" day in aid of Dr. Barnardo's (whereby each pupil attended in whatever garb he or she wished to for a nominal fee of 10 pence) was a colourful success and a total of £31.40 was collected. This coincided with the Junior Party which this year saw Mr. Cowell's debut as Master of Ceremonies. The event was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to the sixth form cookery groups and the kitchen staff for providing the refreshments and to Messrs. Shaw and Abercrombie for their disco.

At Christmas, the Marquess of Hertford kindly invited members of the school into his home to present the "Carols at Ragley" evening which was very enjoyable. This year also saw the resumption of the Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church, which gave pleasure to many.

Credit should be given to the lower sixth who, during the Autumn term break, gave up one of their holidays in order to carry out a complete re-decoration of the two terrapin rooms, thus saving the considerable cost of a decorator's bill.

The Staff versus 1st XI hockey match, although not startling in itself, (a score of 0-0 was recorded) and the Fancy Dress match succeeded in raising £24.23 for charity. Although not directly originating from the school itself, a mention must be given to the "Butterfly Ball" which was performed for charity in March at the Palace Theatre, Redditch. The show itself was basically a 19th century poem set to vocal music; it was organised by a former scholar, Mr. Tony Weatherhead, and a high proportion of the performers were either former or present pupils.

A successful Spring Fayre was held on May 15th, organised by the Parents' Association. Activities included a radio-controlled flying display, a clay-pigeon shooting demonstration, an exhibition of heraldry organised by Mrs. Ince at which people were invited to discover their own coats of arms, and also numerous side-shows and stalls for the sale of articles provided by the pupils. A total of £751 was raised.

A mention should also be made of the trip to Blenheim Palace on July 8th, organised by Mr. Maund. Before visiting the Palace itself, the coach stopped at Bourton-on-the-Water in order that Birdland and the Model Village could be visited. The guided tour of the Palace itself was most interesting and the visit culminated with the party having lunch in the grounds. Our thanks go to Mr. Maund for a most enjoyable day out. On the same day, a visit to the Royal Show at Stoneleigh, led by Mr. Cowell and Mrs. Davis, proved to be a most entertaining excursion.

SPEECH DAY 1976

Certificates and Prizes were distributed by Professor M. C. Bradbrook, M.A., Ph.D., Litt.D. This well-travelled and learned lady, author of many books and an authority on English Literature and Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, was presented with an orchid at the beginning of the proceedings. She gave an interesting speech, encompassing the local poetical genius of Sir Fulke Greville and remarking upon the inevitable tides of change and their necessity to the present-day society. She complemented this, however, by commenting upon the necessity for gradual change. After the vote of thanks proposed by L. N. Green, Esq., an Old Scholar and Governor of the School, our gratitude took the form of a book-token, presented by David Rose, the Head Boy.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

First Year: Graham Hemming, Caroline Ritchie.

Second Year: Alice Emerson, Ellen Currah.

Third Year: Stephen Dyer, David Robertson.

Fourth Year: Christine Catherall, Sylvia Ashton.

Fifth Year: John Crowe, Roger Green, Claire Duffin, Timothy Baldwin,
Marie Fallon, Anne Maw.

Lower Sixth: Ann Collins, Andrew Blundell, Christopher Woodhouse.

Upper Sixth: English (Audrey Webley Prize) Caroline Jones.

French—Mary McGuire; Economics—Sheryl Aldridge; Geography
(Ernest Walker Prize)—Peter Ellix; History—Robert Greig; Mathe-
matics—Paul Morris; Physics—Paul Godfrey; Chemistry—Maria
Maw; Biology—Ann Gayfer; Music—Patricia Rodway; Home
Economics—Beverley Wilson; Craft—David Thompson; Eng.
Drawing—Kim Baddeley; Progress—Astrid Domingo-Gooderick.

Service to the School: Ian Duffin, Susan Pugh, Paul Morris, Philippa
Hallam.

Mason Cup (best Ordinary Level results): John Crowe, Roger Green.

Spencer Cup (best Advanced Level results): Paul Morris.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1975-76

	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Rugby	N	W	S
Senior Rugby	S	N	W
Junior Hockey	N=S	—	W
Senior Hockey	S	N	W
Junior Soccer	N	W	S
Senior Soccer	N=S	—	W
Cross Country	N	S	W
1st year Swimming	S	W	N
Rounders	S	N	W
Athletics	N	S	W
Tennis	W	S	N
Junior Cricket	S=W	—	N
Senior Cricket	—	N=S=W	—

Final: 1st Spencer 87 points

2nd Newport 85 points

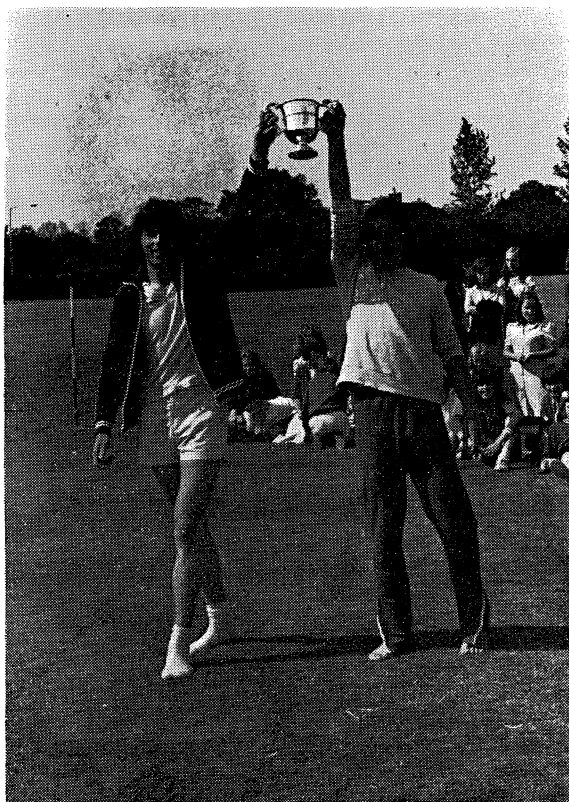
3rd Wells 53 points

GAMES

HOCKEY

Regular team members:- 1st XI: P. Ashton, K. Orange, D. Smith, M.
Fallon, A. Scott, H. Whinn, E. Hadwen, C. Duffin, E. Seymour, J.
Cuzner, C. Miles, C. Lamb, C. Jackson-Mee, J. Rogers.

Mixed XI: (chosen from 1st XI and 3rd Form XI) S. Berridge, H. Whinn,
D. Smith, P. Ashton, J. Whinn, J. Cuzner, C. Lamb, A. Scott, A.
Hunt, J. Rogers, E. Plummer, K. Orange, E. Seymour, C. Duffin, C.
Miles, M. Fallon, E. Hadwen, J. Williams, S. Watton, D. Haykian,
H. Quigley, H. Thompson, J. Stevens, M. Allen, C. Brewer, B.
Carey.



Newport wins the Sports Cup

Results:-	1st XI	Mixed XI	3rd form XI	2nd form XI
Chipping Campden	W 1—0		W 2—1	
Kenilworth			L 1—2	
Shottery	L 1—2			
Redditch	L 0—1			
Prince Henry's	L 0—4		L 0—3	
Kineton	L 0—4		W 1—0	
Shipston	W 3—0			
S. Bromsgrove	D 1—1		W 7—0	
Four Pools	W 1—0		W 8—0	
N. Bromsgrove	D 0—0		W 5—2	
Kenilworth		W 8—0		L 0—3
Greville		W 2—0		
Redditch	D 0—0			
Shipston	D 1—1		L 0—1	
S. Bromsgrove	W 2—0		W 8—0	
Old Scholars	D 0—0			
Staff	D 0—0			

Colours awarded to: C. Lamb, H. Whinn, A. Scott, J. Cuzner.

Half colours to: P. Ashton, M. Fallon, C. Miles, C. Duffin, J. Rogers, E. Seymour.

Today, hockey is a grossly underrated sport. Few people realise that hockey, for both men and women, can be an exciting and rewarding game.

In such a small school as ours, the individual hockey achievements of Tim Drew and Alison Scott should not go unmentioned. Although only in the fifth form, both have been awarded full hockey colours by the school.

This season, Tim Drew played for Evesham 2nd XI and, at an under 16 trial, was selected to play for Warwickshire. At a second trial in Oulton he represented Warwickshire against the other six counties in the area. As a result of this meeting Tim was picked to play for the Midland Counties. This selection led to a further trial in which the Midland Counties competed against the other regions for the formation of an England squad. Although he did not get into the squad, I am sure that the whole school will join me in wishing him good luck in the future.

Alison Scott played for Hampton-in-Arden 1st XI. She was selected to play for Warwickshire at an under 18 trial and from there she went to an under 19 Midland Counties trial. However, she was only 15 years old at the time and, with 150 older girls competing, her chances of selection were very small. Nevertheless, Alison was chosen to play for the Birmingham under 18 team which was picked from the Warwickshire area and with it she travelled abroad on tour in Holland. The squad stayed in Eindhoven and played such teams as Berlin and the Netherlands under 18 national 'B' team. They returned to this country with a 50% success record.

K. Farmery.

RUGBY

After last season's disastrous results, this year was a vast improvement. The team played consistently well in their effort to revive the reputation of the A.G.S. rugby team. More than half the matches were won and those lost were by a close margin. Thanks must be given to Mr. Cowell for his drive and enthusiasm throughout the season, which brought the best out of the team. All in all, it was a very successful season.

N. Allen.

1st XV colours were awarded to C. Harz, C. Woodhouse, B. Williams, A. Cotterill.

Regular Team:- C. Harz, R. Green, I. Crabtree, D. Rooves, K. Farmery, J. Crowe, C. Woodhouse, D. Rose, D. Peters, N. Allen, B. Williams, S. Plummer, P. Strain.

Reserves:- J. Gregory, A. Cotterill, J. Seeney, R. Holland.

Results:-

1st XV

	Home			Away	
Prince Henry's	W	20—10	Hanley Castle	W	19— 8
Abbey	L	11—14	Henley	W	75— 0
Old Swinford 2nd	W	86— 0	Abbey	L	3— 7
KES Stratford	L	4—22	Bournside, Chelt.	W	28—10
Stratford College	W	68— 3	Shipston	W	63—10
Evesham	W	54— 6	N. Bromsgrove	W	50— 0
Kenilworth	D	10—10	Banbury	L	10—20
			Alcester R.F.C.	L	8—32
			Kenilworth	L	3—24
			Evesham under 21	L	4—14
			2nd XV versus S. Bromsgrove	W	24— 4

	U.15		U.14		U.13		U.12	
Bidford	W	12—10	L	3—42	L	0—26		
Greville	L	4—62	L	10—28	L	3—32		
Woodrush			W	26—18	L	16—28		
Prince Henry's	W	32— 0	L	8—24	W	20— 4		
Evesham	L	10—16			L	4—16		
Prince Henry's	W	28— 8						
Old Swinford	L	0—102						
KES Stratford			L	0—54				
Kenilworth			L	4—22			D	8— 8
Pershore					W	20— 6		
Pershore					W	22—14		
Stratford H.S.					L	10—28	L	4—12
Stratford H.S.							L	0—30
Greville					L	6—9		
Greville (mini-rugby)							L A & B teams	
Henley (mini-rugby)							W	32—16

This season produced only mediocre performances and results from all junior teams involved. However, all players showed enthusiasm, particularly the U.12 team which played in the mini-rugby competitions, losing against the Greville H.S. but winning convincingly against Henley H.S. Top scorer was David Gravestock with twelve tries scored for the U.15 and U.14 teams.

Pete Shaw.

FOOTBALL

This year's football saw mixed fortunes for all the teams involved. The 1st XI put in a good all-round display, winning four out of a possible six matches, whilst the 2nd XI did everything in their power to let the opposition win! The U.16 team did us proud by winning the South Warwickshire U.16 league, losing only two matches on their road to victory. The U.15 XI had a disastrous season which they will quickly want to forget. The U.14 and U.13 teams had moderate results, whilst the 1st year team won their one and only match.

P.A.S.

- 1st XI:- D. Rose, K. Smith, R. Jones, A. Lamb, B. Williams, A. Pitts, N. Allen, D. Peters, N. Goodwin, R. Sealey, R. Holland, S. Plummer, P. Strain, J. O'Sullivan, K. Bennett.
- 2nd XI:- T. Drew, C. Woodhouse, I. Crabtree, P. Shaw, D. Reeves, K. Farmery, A. Lamb, N. Allen, S. Whitwell, J. Seeney, A. Lamb (Snr.), C. Barlow, J. Jones.
- Under 16:- T. Drew, N. Raspin, D. Harrison, I. Crabtree, D. Akerman, A. Lamb, K. Evans, I. Langston, R. Sealey, S. Beachus, D. Allen, R. Clayton, J. Careless, (and guest stars P. Shaw and K. Smith).
- 1st XI colours were awarded to D. Rose, K. Smith, B. Williams, N. Raspin, R. Sealey.

Results:- U.12 v St. Benedict's (H) won 3—1.

			U.13	U.14	U.15	U.16
St. Benedict's	(A)	D	4—4		L 2—4	
	(H)			W 2—1		W 3—1
Evesham	(A)	W	4—1		L 1—9	
	(H)			L 0—3		D 1—1
Greville	(A)	L	1—2		L 1—10	
	(H)			W 1—0		D 2—2
Woodrush	(A)	D	1—1	L 1—3		L 1—4
	(H)				L 2—7	
Henley	(H)	W	3—2			
	(A)			L 0—5		W 4—2
Stratford	(H)	L	0—4			
	(A)			L 0—9		W 2—1
Shipston	(A)			L 1—3	L 1—10	
Studley	(H)			W 2—0		
	(A)				L 1—2	W 4—1
Bidford	(A)					D 2—2
Banbury	(H)					L 1—2
			1st XI		2nd XI	
Old Swinford	(H)	W	1—0		D 2—2	
	(A)	L	1—3		L 1—2	
Burford	(A)	L	1—5		L 0—7	
Abbey High	(A)	W	3—1		L 0—1	
	(A)	W	1—0			
Solihull Tech	(H)	W	1—0			

TABLE TENNIS

Team members:- S. Cull, I. Langston, K. Evans, N. Edkins.

The school team represented Warwickshire in the English Schools' Table Tennis Tournament, held at Brandwood School, Birmingham, and were eventually runners-up in the Midlands Area.

In another tournament at Birmingham, I. Langston managed to reach the semi-finals of the Midlands under 15 competition.

BADMINTON

The third year badminton players have done very well this year. The U.14 girls and U.14 mixed double teams reached the finals of the Warwickshire Top Schools Competition.

The mixed double team, consisting of Barbara Carey, Anne Hunt, Helen Thompson, Andrew Yapp, Mark Lamb and Nigel Hood, won the quarter-final against Dormar School 9—0. In the semi-final they won the game 8—1 against Park Hall School.

The girls in their semi-final against Rugby High School won 6—1, their team consisting of Mandy Allen, Barbara Carey, Anne Hunt and Helen Thompson.

In a friendly game against Stratford, the U.14 boys' team, consisting of the mixed double boys plus Nicky Tadd, won 4—3 and the U.14 girls 7—0.

Mark Lamb.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The inter-House event was originally scheduled for the end of the Autumn Term but was postponed until Wednesday, 7th April.

The Senior race was run over approximately 3 miles and the Junior 2½ miles; both routes differed from the previous year and involved running through the River Arrow! Chris Hood won the Senior race for the second consecutive year, followed home by Andrew Lamb (2nd) and David Peters (3rd); Spencer House won the Senior competition.

Nigel Hood (Chris' brother) completed a family double by winning the Junior race, followed home by Alistair Rowley (2nd) and Ronnie Smith (3rd). Newport won the Junior competition. Overall result: 1st Newport, 2nd Spencer, 3rd Wells.

C.J.W. and K.F.

An informal first year cross country league was held between A.G.S., Greville and St. Benedict's. Over three runs, A.G.S. came out as worthy winners. Steven Clark won two of the three races.

As a result of the S. Warks cross country championships, S. Clark and P. Evans represented South Warwickshire in the inter-area races for the first year boys.

Chris Hood, Nigel Hood and Colin Partridge showed the rewards of regular training with fine performances.

D.C.

CRICKET

The greatest disappointment was the continued poor state of the wicket even after being relaid. However we hope that this problem will be rectified by next summer.

Results:	Played	Won	Drawn
1st XI	5	2	2
U.15	6	1	1
U.14	5	1	0
U.13	5	3	0
U.12	3	2	0

Colours were awarded to Roger Green and David Akerman.
Iain Sinclair (U13 wicket-keeper) was selected to play for the County.

ATHLETICS

Two athletics matches were played against St. Benedict's H.S. and Bidford H.S. We won the first but lost the second. Colours were awarded to Stephen Dyer.

In this Olympic year, when one looks at the standard of performance in Montreal, two points are worth remembering. 1. Britain's seemingly poor athletics display should be weighed against the crop of personal best performances from our athletes; one can ask no more than to do your best. 2. During an interview before the Olympics, a quote from Brendan Foster (who trains every day for two to three hours) is meaningful: "It's not the moment of success: it's the striving that makes it worthwhile."

TENNIS

In a tournament organised by the fifth and sixth form boys, David Peters defeated Charlie Barlow in the final.

In the girls' singles final, Helen Thompson beat Debra Smith.

CANOEING

An interested trio of VI form canoeists won a large trophy at the Bidford Carnival Regatta. In spite of turning up with incorrect boats, Duncan Reeves, David Peters and David Phillips borrowed or begged suitable ones and proceeded to demolish all opposition.

D.C.

SPORTS DAY 1976

After a day's postponement caused by rain, the Sports were held on July 21st. We were honoured by the presence of the High Bailiff of Alcester, Mr. Peter Robinson, for the presentation of the trophies.

Junior Victor Ludorum Cup — Stephen Dyer.

Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Anne Hunt and Karen Hemming.

Senior Victor Ludorum Cup — David Peters.

Senior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Diane Taylor.

John Clark Cup for 1500 metres — Christopher Hood.

Girls' Sports Cup — Spencer.

Boys' Sports Cup — Newport.

Sports Shield — Newport.

*denotes a new record.

Senior Girls (5th and 6th Forms)

100m	1. D. Taylor (N); 2. A. Scott (S); 3. J. Rogers (S).
200m	1. D. Taylor (N); 2. M. Drew (W); 3. F. Clack (N).
800m	1. M. Emerson (S); 2. P. Ashton (W); 3. J. Cuzner (S).
High Jump	1. G. O'Sullivan (W); 2. L. Farmery (N); 3= F. Clack (N), J. Cuzner (S)
Long Jump	1. D. Taylor (N) 4.75 m*; 2. M. Drew (W); 3. A. Scott (S).
Discus	1. J. Rogers (S); 2. L. Stafford (S); 3. M. Fallon (W).
Shot	1. J. Rogers (S); 2. M. Drew (W); 3. A. Scott (S).

Intermediate Girls (3rd and 4th forms)

4th year 100m	1. K. Hemming (W) 13.8*; 2. J. Whinn (N); 3. M. Maundrell (S).
3rd year 100m	1. R. Swinbourne (N); 2. J. Stevens (W); 3. H. Thompson (N).

3rd & 4th 200m	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. D. Rugg (W); 3. S. Berridge (S).
High Jump	1. K. Hemming (W); 2. D. Rugg (W); 3=. L. Silverstone (S), E. Plummer (N).
Long Jump	1. M. Maundrell (S); 2. K. Hemming (W); 3. J. Fraser (N).
Discus	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. J. Stevens (W); 3. R. Swinbourne (N.)
Javelin	1. H. Thompson (N); 2. J. Williams (S); 3. B. Carey (S).
Rounders Ball	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. M. Maundrell (S); 3. H. Thompson (N).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

Junior Girls

2nd year 100m	1. S. Edwards (S); 2. L. Fatek (N); 3. E. Woodhouse (S).
1st year 100m	1. K. Hooker (N); 2. S. Wright (W); 3. J. Amor (N).
3rd & 4th 200m	1. S. Edwards (S) 30.8*; 2. E. McCarthy (S); 3. L. Fatek (N),
High Jump	1. E. McCarthy (S); 2. K. Hooker (N); 3. C. Fairhurst (W).
Long Jump	1. K. Hooker (N); 2. E. McCarthy (S); 3. E. Woodhouse (S).
Discus	1. L. Fatek (N); 2. H. Ferris (W); 3. J. Amor (N).
Rounders Ball	1. S. Holt (S); 2. C. Gilroy (S); 3. C. Ritchie (W).
Relay	1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

Senior Boys

5th & 6th 100m	1. R. Sealey (N); 2. K. Farmery (N); 3. C. Barlow (W).
5th & 6th 200m	1. K. Farmery (N); 2. R. Sealey (N); 3. G. Dunbar (W).
5th & 6th 800m	1. C. Hood (S); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. P. Shaw (W).
5th & 6th 1500m	1. C. Hood (S) *4.36; 2. J. Seeney (W); 3. J. Crow (W).
High Jump	1. K. Farmery (N); 2. K. Smith (N).
Long Jump	1. D. Peters (S); 2. C. Barlow (W); 3. C. Hood (S).
Triple Jump	1. D. Peters (S); 2. C. Barlow (W); 3. S. Hunt (W).
Discus	1. D. Reeves (W); *32.5m; 2. J. Crow (W).
Shot	1. D. Reeves (W); 2. R. Sealey (N); 3. J. Seeney (W).

Intermediate Boys

4th year 100m	1. A. Waters (S); 2. S. Dyer (N); 3. N. Bridges (S).
3rd year 100m	1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. Williams (W); 3. M. Freeman (S).
3rd & 4th 200m	1. S. Dyer (N); 2. A. Waters (S); 3. D. Gravestock (N).
3rd & 4th 400m	1. C. Partridge (N); 2. P. Bromwich (N); 3. J. Vale (S).
3rd & 4th 800m	1. C. Partridge (N) *2.18.08; 2. H. Rowley (N); 3. S. McCarthy (S).
3rd & 4th 1500m	1. A. Rowley (N); 2. H. Rowley (N); 3. S. McCarthy (S).
High Jump	1. S. Dyer (N); 2. S. McCarthy (S); 3. K. Evans (S).
Long Jump	1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. G. Dunbar (S); 3. R. Chiltern (W).
Triple Jump	1. C. Partridge (N); 2. K. Evans (S); 3. R. Chiltern (W).
Discus	1. R. Organ (W); 2. N. Bridges (S); 3. J. Greenaway (N).
Javelin	1. J. Greenaway (N); 2. G. Cox (W); 3. S. Gregory (W).
Shot	1. H. Rowley (N); 2. A. Waters (S); 3. R. Organ (W).
Relay	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

Junior Boys

2nd year 100m	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. D. Broderick (N); 3. S. Wedgebury (W).
1st year 100m	1. P. Evans (N); 2. G. Hickin (S); 3. T. Gill (N).
1st & 2nd 200m	1. D. Broderick (N); 2. P. Evans (N); 3. N. Hood (S).
1st & 2nd 400m	1. N. Hood (S); 2. T. Reed (W); 3. I. Fletcher (W).
1st & 2nd 800m	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. R. Smith (S); 3. S. Clark (N).
High Jump	1. N. Hemming (W); 2. T. Gill (N).
Long Jump	1. Matthews (N); 2. Smith (S); 3. Evans (N).
Discus	1. N. Hood (S); 2. D. Bullingham (W); 3. A. Mathews (N).
Javelin	1. C. Broughton (N); 2. J. Barnes (S); 3. G. Hickin (S).
Shot	1. T. Reed (W); 2. D. Bullingham (W); 3. N. Braithwaite (S).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.
1st & 2nd 1500m	1. S. Clark (N); 2. R. Smith (S); 3. T. Reed (W).



Diana Taylor — Victrix Ludorum



Senior Girls 100m

THE AER-LINGUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

On March 16th, 1976, our school sent a team of four enterprising young golfers to compete in the regional qualifying stage of the Aer-Lingus schools' golf tournament. We managed to conscript some caddies in the form of Alistair Lynam (who could be slipped into the golf bag if it rained), Michael Blizzard (no comment) and a sixth former. The only time previously we had played the course at Edgbaston it poured with rain and we were unable to finish, so we were not too happy.

As it turned out the only time we were level with the leaders was before anyone had teed off. David Rose hit an exciting drive three feet on the first tee, which he admitted wasn't his best, and on the 13th got his only birdie, a goose, which was foolish enough to get in the way of his ball. The goose lost its wing (appropriate as the sponsors were Aer-Lingus) and waddled away into the lake which was full of a substance commonly known as water, as several of our team found out. My caddie, Mike Blizzard, did his job very well apart from chucking clubs around, dragging the trolley about two holes behind everyone else, which proved he is not bionic, and nearly falling in the lake. Graham Dunbar seemed to have trouble finding which end of the club to use but managed to reach the last hole carrying Alistair in his pocket.

After finishing the round we had a lovely dinner in the club-house (really the only reason we went) and stayed on for the prize-giving, in which we did not collect the booby prize. We finished second in the tournament with sixteen schools competing. This statement sounds very good but the only problem with it is that we were second from last. But I am sure we will do better next year and I feel most grateful to the team that finished last, seven shots behind us, and I also hope they enter next year. All we have to do is make up fifty odd shots on the best school!

Andrew Dunbar, 4M.

CLUB ACTIVITIES (compiled by Peter Shaw)

METALWORK

This club has met regularly on Monday evenings and on Tuesdays at lunchtime. The end of year display in the Hall put on show a remarkable variety of articles selected from club and lesson work. These included cotton reel stands, toasting forks, sliding bevels, vices, cramps, boxes, an ash tray, a shoe horn, a shoe-scraper, a hacksaw, a wood chisel, a house number plate, a knife, a wall bracket, a steam hammer and two unfinished steam engines. The most regular visitor to the Monday session was Mr. Mulholland, who has been making a steam engine for the past two years. Thanks are extended to Mr. Maund for generously giving his time, aid and advice to all those who attended.

BADMINTON

The senior section met on Wednesday evenings for Fifth and Sixth formers until Easter, when examination pressure on those taking

'O' and 'A' levels caused it to cease operation. First and Second years were able to play on Mondays, and Third and Fourth years on Tuesdays, both at lunchtime. All players wish to thank Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Micklethwaite for their help in supervising and coaching the club.

DRAMA

Members of the first three years have met regularly on Tuesday evenings after school. As well as producing and acting their own plays and sketches in Room 6, they also took part in the school play, providing most of the actors for the short ghost sketches. A good time has been had by all members who wish to convey their thanks to Mrs. Mulholland for her assistance and encouragement.

ART

This club has been held on Tuesdays at lunchtime by Miss Simm mainly for the benefit of juniors who have produced a wide selection of artistic creations.

TENNIS

The club has been well attended on Tuesday evenings by pupils of varying ages and by a few parents, thanks to the organisation of Mr. K. Catherall.

BRIDGE

1975-76 has seen a marked expansion in Bridge Club activities. Members continued to meet regularly in Room 4 on Thursdays, and a number of evening meetings were also held.

We were hosts to a team from Warwick School in the Summer term. The visitors won after a tight match and we hope to have our revenge when we visit Warwick in the Autumn term. The school team distinguished itself in the "Daily Mail" Schools' Cup, coming joint third in the area heats against strong opposition.

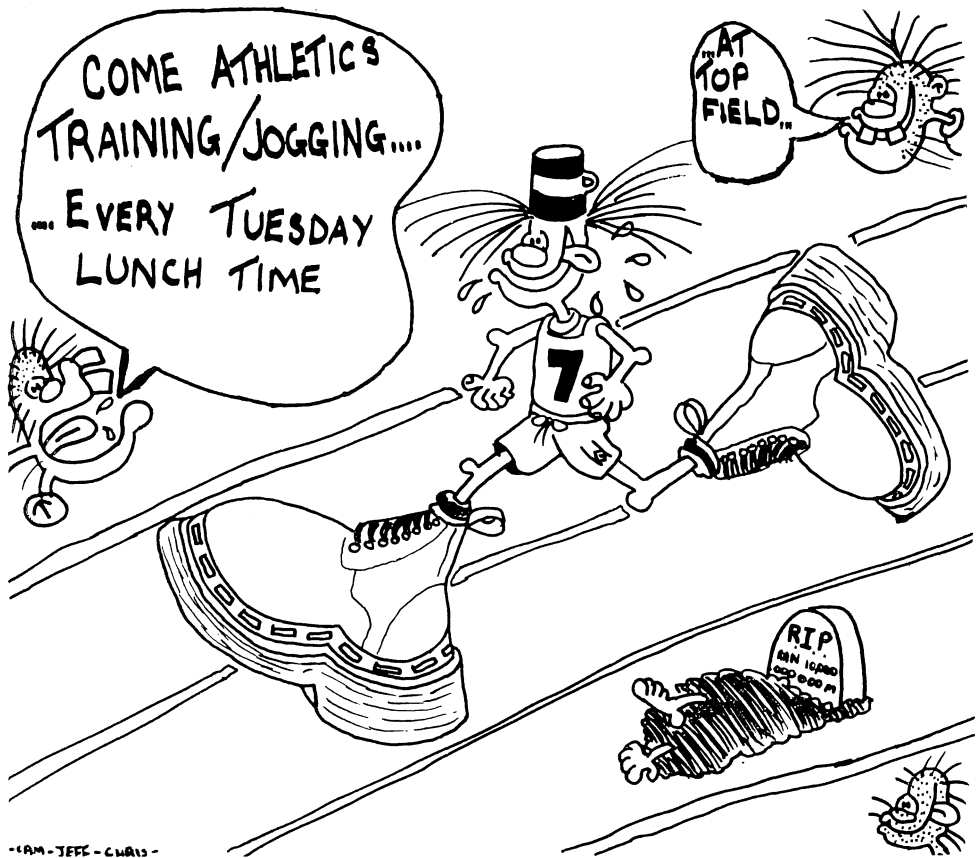
The year was brought to a conclusion by a staff versus school match, narrowly won by the staff.

ELECTRONICS

This year the club has been revived by a few enthusiasts and is held every Monday in the Biology Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Preston-Mafham. Many radios have been repaired for pupils and several interesting items have been built, including some pieces of laboratory equipment, such as an electrocardiograph for measuring heart beats; these have been built for a fraction of what they would have cost to buy. (Nigel Noaks 5M).

JOGGING

The cartoon by three fifth-formers is a reminder to those members of senior teams and staff who would benefit by joining the stalwarts, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Morgan and Mrs. Bonham, who were regularly seen jogging on the school field during the lunch hour throughout the Summer term. Why not join them in keeping fit this autumn and throughout the winter season?



A TRIP TO CHEDWORTH ROMAN VILLA

On March 9th all the first formers had an opportunity to visit Chedworth Roman Villa. During the coach journey we had a competition to guess how many miles it was to Chedworth and Paul Evans won. The driver told us over the microphone when we were passing places of interest, such as the house of the developer of Ferguson farm implements.

When we reached the Roman Villa half the party went into the museum and half went round the site. There were mosaics excavated from the villa in three of the rooms but the best one was in the dining room where the mosaics represented Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We could also buy souvenirs.

When both groups had seen the museum it was time for lunch, which we ate sitting on the edge of the wood at the top of a very steep bank. After lunch we went for a steady three-mile walk and Mr. Cowell made the rugby team sing all the way to the coach. Mrs. Ince took the opportunity to pick some catkins.

At about half past two we started back towards Alcester in the coach with Mrs. Ince taking up the commentary and enjoying it as she did so. It was a very successful trip and had proved to be an enjoyable day off school.

Neil Edkins 1S and Ruth Grier 1M.

TRIP TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Saturday, 1st May, 1976, some members of the fifth and lower sixth Biology groups were taken by Dr. Preston-Mafham to Oxford University's Open Day.

Visits were made to the Botany, Zoology and Psychology departments, where it was possible to see the standard of work and projects done by first, second and third year students. A very enjoyable day was had by all, even if the Cup Final result was somewhat upsetting to some!

Liz Seymour.

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE — EASTER 1976

This was the 'chance of a life-time' for many of us to visit such exotic places as Athens, Ephesus, Istanbul and Olympia. The school party, consisting of 30 pupils, Mr. Mickelthwaite and Mr. and Mrs. Turner, left Alcester at the uncivilised hour of 4.15 a.m. on March 21st for Gatwick airport. From there we flew to Athens to start our educational cruise on board the 17,000 ton ship S.S. Uganda.

The aim of the cruise was not pure sightseeing but to learn a little about the things we saw. Thus we had lectures on the geology of the Mediterranean which made us conscious of the danger of earthquakes, the history of the Olympic Games, and the ancient civilisation of the Minoans at Knossos. We were certainly fully occupied, whether braving a force 10 gale, visiting the ship's engine room or the cockpit of a Boeing 707 jet, bartering for goods in the Grand Bazaar market of Istanbul, visiting one of the 'seven wonders of the world' or running in an 'Olympic' race on the world's first sports track.

In two weeks the ship had called at Istanbul, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Crete, Katakalon and Dubrovnik. At the end we had learnt more about the Mediterranean and its ancient peoples and buildings than books could ever tell us.

Christopher Hood, 5S.

MARLE HALL

Last November, for the first time, the whole of the fourth year invaded Marle Hall in North Wales. We left school at about a quarter to ten and, after stopping for lunch in Llangollen, the two minibuses arrived at about two o'clock, followed by the coach twenty minutes later. Extremely pleased, those of us in the minibuses relieved the spare bunks of extra blankets and pillows before the marauding hordes from the coach got their hands on them.

When we had unpacked we all met in the sitting-room where the Warden talked to us. We were introduced to our instructors, conducted around the Hall and given our waterproofs, rucksacks and boots. The group I was in, group six, drew equipment from the stores and then

followed Martin, our instructor, to the pond which the instructors hope to turn into a canoe slalom course. Other groups of a somewhat weaker mettle were taken on a short tour of the grounds.

The next day, after a sleepless night as nobody had fallen asleep until about three o'clock, we were awakened by a shrill bell and, after dressing, we went downstairs. After eating a hearty breakfast we were given our packed lunches and our first day began. Being unlucky, our group had mountain walking on the first day. This may sound quite a pleasant, relaxing pastime but it proved to be quite different. It entailed walking about ten miles to the top of a mountain around 2,500 feet where it was actually snowing and also well below freezing point.

The second day was spent with Mrs. Ince on a history field course, the morning being used to explore the mysteries of Conway Castle and its magnificent lavatories, situated in the Chapel Tower. We went on to visit a fine Elizabethan house in the centre of the walled town of Conway, a supposedly haunted house by the name of Pias Manor (Great Hall), and the Roman auxiliary fort of Canovium, in the south east corner of which was a fine old sixth century chapel.

Thursday was the day I enjoyed most. It was the day we spent out on the sea-cliffs, rock-climbing. It was a fantastic experience and very exciting. It is something that many people are not lucky enough to try, and I am very proud to be able to say that I have rock-climbed. If you saw some of the climbs we had to overcome you would not believe we would be capable. Yet with a safety-belt and correct equipment it doesn't seem so much of an amazement.

The next morning we were issued with our 'nourishing'? packed lunches by Dr. Preston-Mafham. Group six then spent the morning on the beach and it was cold and windy. Having looked at the wild life and man-eating shrimps and crabs we went to another beach to examine the flora and study seaweed.

I found Tuesday a most enjoyable day. It was thoroughly exciting and rather frightening in places. I think I could safely say that most of our group also found it the most exciting day of the week. After getting special equipment (helmet, torch and wellingtons) from the store, we piled into the minibus and set off. We arrived at the part of the mine which we were going to visit where we had a choice of three shafts, all branching off into dead ends. We used our torches and luckily put on our crash-helmets, as there were some very low ceilings! What amused us most were the screams of the girls when the bats came flying about. Then we began to climb the gorge. After about two hours of hard climbing and walking, we arrived at the top. This part of the day had been very humorous as nearly everybody had fallen into the cold water of the waterfall by the side of the route.

The geography day was even more strenuous than that on the mountain walk. We went on a Forestry Commission 'walk' which turned out to be a very eventful mountain climb, Mr. Micklethwaite assuring us that the terrain was flat! We only walked ten miles but we were

completely exhausted. On top of that, when we got back to Marle Hall it had gone five o'clock and everyone else had eaten our cakes. We were certainly ready for our meal that evening. After supper Mr. Cowell stepped in at the last moment and gave us an extremely funny and instructive lecture on canoeing.

To round off a most enjoyable week we entertained ourselves on the last evening by having a disco. Barry, an instructor, acted as the disc-jockey and all the teachers joined in the dancing.

Travelling back to Alcester on the coach proved to be quite a different scene from the one a week before. No singing voices could be heard, no jolly chatter, just the occasional snore from everyone who was asleep. The week was a most enjoyable one and our thanks must go to the school staff and to all the instructors at Marle Hall.

Composed by members of the Fourth Form:- Mandy Brewin, Stephen Dyer, Stephen McCarthy, Duncan Neville and Karen Wood.

In July the Lower Sixth Biology Group, five boys and nine girls, went to Marle Hall for a week's field course.

Upon our arrival we were shown round the building and then familiarised ourselves with the surrounding grounds of wooded land and rare flora.

Throughout the week the course consisted of taking profiles of different environments: sheltered and exposed beaches, limestone gulleys, sand-dunes, marshes and bogs. Dr. Preston-Mafham and Mrs. Matthews made our evenings pleasant by taking us to Llandudno and Conway.

During the course we all learnt an incredible amount while thoroughly enjoying ourselves and we hope to return next year for a week of sailing and canoeing.

Alison Gayfer, Alison Phillips, Jason Gregory.

CONCERT OF MUSIC

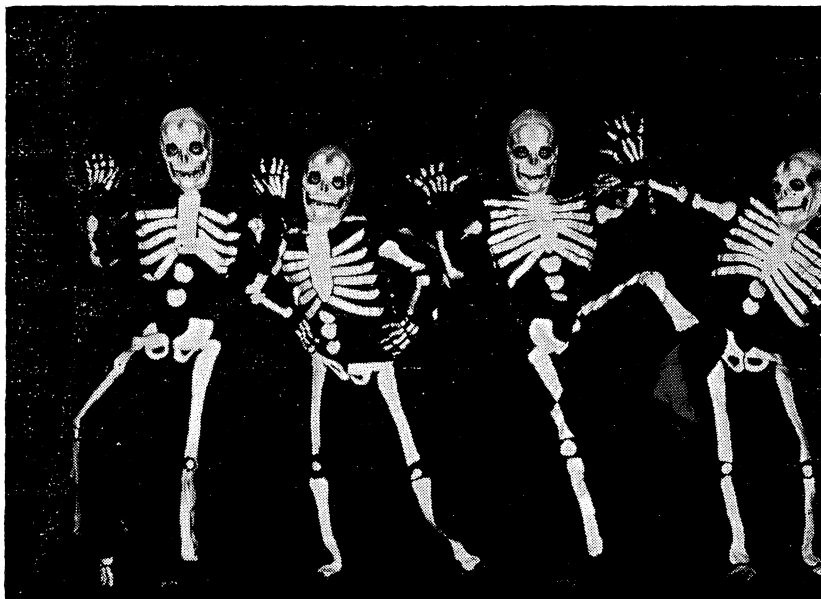
A chamber concert was held in the School Hall on May 20th at 7.30 p.m. Advertised as 'an intimate evening of music mellowed by wine', one wondered what to expect. However, with scenery on the floor of the hall depicting a drawing-room and judicious lighting and flowers, the atmosphere was indeed intimate, putting not only the audience but also the performers at their ease. Sonnets by Shakespeare were read between items by Anne Griffiths, Andrea Tadd, Alice Emerson, Timothy Baldwin and Stephen Dyer.

Guest performers at the concert were Larry Green, suffering unfortunately from hay fever, but still giving a polished performance; Lila Bailey, whose rich tones delighted everyone, was the focal point of the evening; Mrs. Tonks (clarinet), Mrs. Searle (viola) and Malcolm Brinson (piano) played the Mozart K498 Trio, their performance being commendable as they had only met briefly for two rehearsals beforehand.

Ann Collins, Andrew Hughes and Susan Stephens played two Interludes by Ibert, and Ann and Andrew later played some Inventions by Michael Tippett. Here are three musicians whom the School will miss, as they give much pleasure to us all.

The host for the evening was Malcolm Brinson, who also played works by Handel and Beethoven and accompanied the singers. His anecdotes caused some mirth from the audience of about 60 who were also appreciative of his playing. In the middle of the evening wine and cheese were served and the relaxed atmosphere continued to the end of the evening.

It is to be hoped that similar concerts will be arranged in the future.



BLACK AND WHITE

This year's play production took the form of a series of short plays and sketches, portraying "witchery", magic, mystery and some comedy.

Contrary to usual practice, the majority of the cast were from the lower school, with only a sprinkling of older pupils publicly exhibiting their talents! The younger pupils took part in the short sketches which ranged from the Witches' scene from 'Macbeth' to a superb piece of sheer exhibitionism, notably a stripping skeleton! Performances by all were noteworthy and everyone succeeded in entertaining the fairly large audiences.

The older students acted in two short plays — "The Monkey's Paw" and "Sorcery in a Suburb", although Tim Baldwin and Lynne Stafford appeared with the juniors. "The Monkey's Paw" was well received particularly for the excellent performance of Liz Seymour and Andrew Hughes. "Sorcery in a Suburb" was also well performed by its strong contingent of actors from the fourth year.

Thanks to the efforts of the stage crew and helpers, all the effects contributed to the overall success of the venture. Thanks must also be addressed to Mrs. Mulholland, and we all wish her well in any future productions she may embark upon, back in Canada.

Pete Shaw.

BARNADO'S GROUP

I wrote in "The Record" last year that I hoped it would be possible for us to raise £200 during 1975-6. I am delighted that we have passed that target figure and the final total amounts to £223.27.

This sum comes to us mainly through the efforts of our loyal and generous box-holders but we are also indebted to the rest of the school for the support they are always ready to give us when there is some special activity.

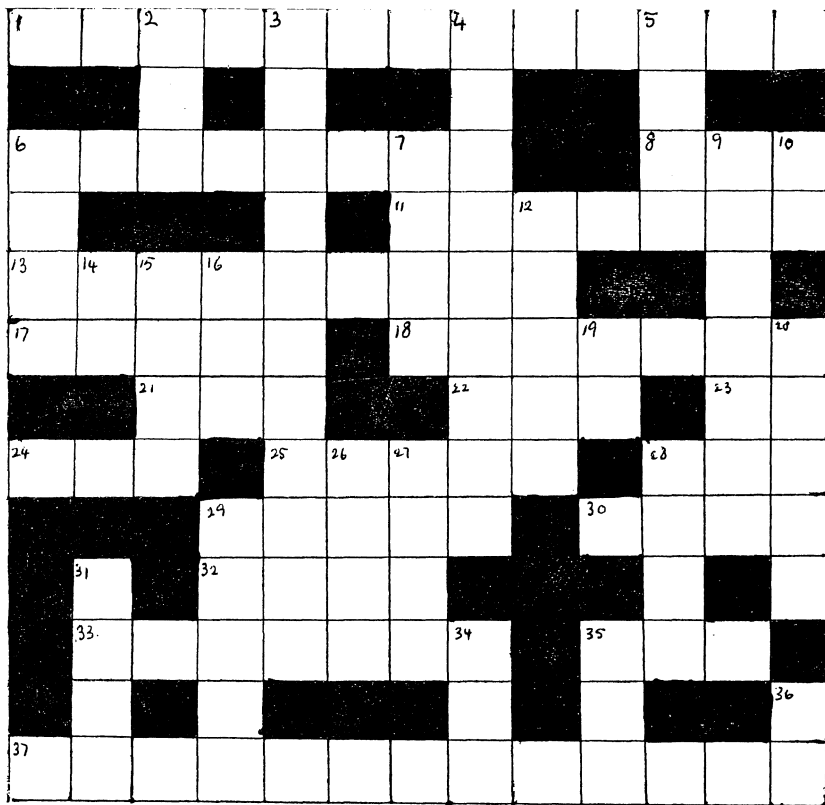
In December Form I helped with their Christmas Tree collection which gave us £20.40 and the Non-Uniform day at the end of the Autumn term brought in £31.40. An added bonus to a very good term was the donation by the Sixth form of the left-over food from their party which was sold to the School for £1.53.

There were two football matches which raised £24.23; a Staff v. School match in March and a Sixth form fancy dress match in April. The annual box-opening took place in the spring term and it raised the record amount of £145.71. If we are to keep up a rate of contribution that is in pace with the ravages caused by inflation to the budget of Barnado's, we must endeavour to make every year a record one.

The usual film show was given to Form I in the Spring term and this resulted in the enrolment of fifteen new members. Perhaps this is a good opportunity for me to remind you that it is possible to join the Barnado's group at any time in your school career. I am occasionally requested by pupils in upper forms of the school to enrol them in the group and these spontaneous offers to help the less fortunate are particularly heart-warming.

This year short service awards have been given to Jean Causier, Alice Emerson and Ian Watson and Founder's Awards to Ruth Maw and Jeremy Legg.

K.G.M.



CLUES

Across

- 1 Mistaken judge (13)
- 6 Sure rate gets muddled to give something of value (8)
- 8 A wee bit sheepish? (3)
- 11 Crude jinx, less 110, turned hurt (7)
- 13 Quietly in palace confused gives fireman's equipment (9)
- 17 I yawn to find the entrance (3,2)
- 18 Turkish Viceroy in Egypt (7)
- 21 Theatrical corduroy (3)
- 22 Motoring organisation segment (3)
- 23 For example (2)
- 24 Refreshment in the lea (3)
- 25 Seven opposite odds (5)
- 28 Sec (3)
- 29 I with pant for colour (5)
- 30 Initially 51 and post script reversed (4)
- 32 Top card flyers in World War I (4)
- 33 Worn Lee (anag.) (7)
- 35 Request 100 leaves the barrel (3)
- 37 Presented by A.G.S. in early April (13)

Down

- 2 A thousand leaves dome; a deer remains (3)
- 3 Rip in an epitaph? (4,2,5)
- 4 An excavation is joined by an insect to become cutting (9)
- 5 Vera declares it to be true (4)
- 6 What follows the freeze (4)
- 7 Iced drink contains the arena (4)
- 9 Ourselves followed by 5 down together in the plural (7)
- 10 Mr. Oldham holds this abbreviated office (2)
- 14 Father (2)
- 15 Confused prey at a funeral (4)
- 16 Eli tells an untruth (3)
- 19 Initially a district commissioner (2)
- 20 U.A.R. (5)
- 26 'Wives' contains a jumbled vista (4)
- 27 Services' entertainment (4)
- 28 500 plus jumbled sip gives short swims (4)
- 29 Utensil with 101 reversed could bring chaos (5)
- 31 Spoken in the door alcove (4)
- 34 Boy (3)
- 35 The cinders are in the wash (3)
- 36 Myself (2)

THE HANGING

*There he sat in a gloomy cell,
Wishing that he was free.
Would it be Heaven? Would it be Hell?
Or would it be Purgatory?*
*His neck was fastened through the rope.
The man began to cry.
He knew now that there was no hope
And soon he'd have to die.*
*The rope was pulled; the man was killed.
His face was puffed and red.
The dreadful deed has been fulfilled—
An innocent man was dead.*

Tim Gill, 1S.

A CLASH OF "PUSSONALITIES"

*One cat lies by the fire all day,
Dozy, but purring and snoozing away.
As soon as the other one comes into sight,
He fondles and licks her; then gives her a bite.
She hisses and spits at him;
He doesn't care.
Then she runs away and lies under a chair.
He's got what he wanted;
He's moved her away
From his favourite spot
For the rest of the day.*

Heather Edwards, 1S.

LESSONS (BY 'THE ARTFUL DODGER')

*Lessons is taught by teachers
And you don't learn a fink.
It's only once in a life time
That they makes your 'telligence ring.
Now take geog'y and biology;
It's nuffink to do wiv me.
I couldn't care if the world were square
And the birds lived in the sea.
'istry gets me muddled
And turns me 'ead in a knot.
I don't know what Napoleon did,
But it certainly weren't a lot.'
Now French is a silly language;
It just don't make any sense.
And hinglish language confuses matters,
What wiv verb and silly tense.
I say da'an wiv lessons!
I say da'an wiv French!
'Can't be bovered wiv words
THAT DON'T MAKE
SENSE!*

Suzanne Brain, 1M

THE PRINCE

*Sweet Peridarchus was a prince;
The Prince he was of Mouses.
He roamed and roamed the haunts of men,
And ranged about their houses.*

*His squeak so sharp in the small hours rang
That every worker wondered.
He trimmed his whiskers stiff as wire.
Had sweethearts by the hundred.*

*A merry life was this I say,
Despite it was a short one;
One night he met a mort of rats;
He bared his teeth, and fought one.*

*A bully ruffian, thrice his size,
But when the conflict ended,
He sighed, "Alack, my back is broke,
And that cannot be mended."*

*O Mouseland, mourn for him that's gone,
Our noble Peridarchus!
In valiant fight but yesternight,
And now, alas, a carcass!*

*A Hero-Mouse or man—is one
Who never wails or winces.
Friends, shed a tear for him that's gone,
The princeliest of princes!*

Cheryl Gulliver, 2M.

TINY SEED

*Tiny shoots,
Breaking the earth,
Seeing the light;
Simple new birth.*

*Thick juicy stems
Down to the soil,
Into the ground,
Sown by man's toil.*

*Little black seed
So tiny, so small,
Little black seed
Grows food for all.*

Julie Taylor, 2M.

FRUSTRATION

*Nobody could understand her;
They didn't realise,
For they couldn't see the madness
In her innocent eyes.*

*She'd cry and scream in agony,
For pain was in her head,
But nobody would listen;
She might as well be dead.*

*The only consolation
That this mad one could find
Was to dream a way to happiness
And leave her life behind.*

Helen Dexter, 2M.

THE WAXWORKS

*Thousands of wax dummies,
Posing on platforms.
Their glassy eyes
Watch the humans as they pass by.*

*It is hard to tell
Which are the humans
And which the dummies;
Which are flesh and which are wax.*

*Sportsmen, statesmen, murderers,
Side by side.
Here, they are all equal;
They are all just dolls on show.*

*You touch their skin,
But find
Only hard, solid wax,
Unyielding to the human touch.*

Jenny Manley, 2S.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

*Walking down the supermarket,
He's very tall and thin.
He's looking for his favourite food;
He'll find it in a tin.
It's going to give him energy,
With extra bounce and strife.
He reads the label on the tin;
It's PAL FOR ACTIVE LIFE.*

Tony Noaks, 3M.

THE OLD MAN

The old man swilled the remnants of his tea round the cup. He did not intend to drink it. He had already cut his lip once on the cracked rim of the cup. He watched as the disturbed tea leaves slowly sank back to the bottom. Many years ago a gipsy had read the tea leaves for him: "Joy and happiness would come to him after one or two hardships." As far as he could tell there had been much hardship and little joy and happiness. Of course there had been Edna, his wife. He took out a bent, blurred photograph of her, brown with age. His gaze conveyed adoration. He crumpled up the photo and tears pricked his eyes. She was dead now; he was alone. His eyes hurt.

"Mate, you alright?"

He turned to the waitress. "Quite, thank you."

He turned the cup, carefully avoiding the crack, and drank the last dregs. Replacing the cup with a clatter he stood, assumed his slouching position and ambled out.

Mandy Smart, 3S.

THE CHAIN OF LIFE

Down the bottom of the garden is a strawberry patch. Among the strawberry plants a little mouse scurried from each fruit. When it found an extra ripe and juicy strawberry it took the fruit in its tiny forepaws and made a meal of it. At long last it decided that it had had enough and it scurried back towards its hole.

Nearby was lurking a cat, it had noticed something scurrying about among the strawberry plants and now it could see the mouse running across a patch of bare soil. The cat crouched and then sprang.

The cat, having finished its meal, washed and then decided to go for a stroll. It walked out of the hedge and down the garden path and then through the front gate. The cat, unaware of the danger, strolled gracefully over the road and was knocked down by a car.

The crow was having a lovely meal on the side of the road. A freshly killed carcass is a great delicacy. The crow decided that his meal was over and with a spring it rose into the air and glided over the busy road cawing joyfully.

At last the crow decided that it could do with a rest and it landed in a field just near the edge. A fox came out of a nearby wood. It had not been very lucky and had caught nothing to eat at all. The sight of the large, fat crow gave the fox new hopes. Whilst the crow was unaware, the fox slowly stalked up behind it and pounced.

The fox, now content to have something inside him, trotted back into the wood. It wound its way through the trees and the bracken until it came to its earth. Just as it was about to disappear underground, a shot rang through the wood and the golden fox fell to the ground. The hunter, whose shot it had been, returned the gun to his shoulder.

Back home the hunter went into the garden to see how his strawberries were coming along. A mouse was nibbling at one of the fruit and it scurried quickly away.

Jonathan Edmunds, 3M.

SPERNAL DUCK RACES

Spernal Duck Races, have, for many years, been a local joke. It all started off in a local public house called The Bell. When a stranger could be seen in the pub the regulars would start to talk in a very loud voice about their different techniques in training the ducks, and their form and the odds on a certain duck winning. The stranger, when he went home, would mention what he had heard to his friends and that is how the fame of the races spread.

I have lived in Studley for fourteen years and a duck race has never actually taken place. A few years ago posters were stuck up all over the village saying, "Spernal Duck Races, April 1st". Many people turned up only to be confronted by a large sign with the words, "Ever been had" printed on it.

This year the races have become more widely known owing to the fact that they are now televised. The A.T.V. cameras have been into the village to see the ducks training in the River Arrow. Because they have never seen or heard of anything like this before they are so intrigued that they have bought their own A.T.V. duck. It is being kept and trained by a gentleman who lives in Studley. The races are due to take place later in the year and should prove to be interesting and entertaining.

Geraldine Lamb, 4S.

OVER THE SEAS TO THE SCILLIES —

OR ON LOOKING BACK, WITH APOLOGIES TO

R. L. STEVENSON

*Sing me a song of a lad that has gone;
Say could that lad be I?*

*Merry of soul he stayed on and on,
Under Margaret's keen eye.*

*Benn was astern, Foot on the port,
Healey on the starboard bow.
Glory of youth grew in his soul,
But where is that glory now?*

*Give me again that Harold was there,
When the sun forever shone.
Give him the pipe; give him the job,
Him, the lad that is gone.*

*Sing me a song of a lad that is gone;
Say could that lad be I?
Merry of soul he stayed on and on,
Under Jeremy's keen eye.*

*Pipes and macs, Scilly Isles and seas,
Mountains of rain and sun;
All that was good, all that was right,
All that was me is gone.*

Ann Sullivan, 4M.

GIFTS GIVEN TO US

*The soaring height of mountains,
The gracefulness of trees,
The golden glory of daffodils,
Swaying in the breeze,
The barren moor,
The fragrant flowers,
The vastness of the sea,
The beauty of a sunrise,
That dawns for you and me,
The wonder of a starlit night,
The perfume of a rose,
The quiet hour of twilight,
As the day draws to a close,
The brilliance of the moon above,
The setting of the sun,
The magic mist
Of an Autumn dawn,
When day has just begun.
All these wonders I have seen,
But have you seen them too?
Or do you take for granted
These things God gave to you?*

Jeannie Tarver, 4S.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Paul Morris (1968-75), class 2 in part 1a of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge University. He attained the qualifying standard in Mathematics for part 1b of the Tripos.

Pamela Boyle (1967-74), class 2.ii in part 1b of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge University.

Ian Boyle (1967-72), honours degree class 3 in Mechanical Engineering at Salford University.

Susan Bond (1965-72), honours B.A. degree class 2.i in French at Nottingham University, is continuing her studies at the School of Education at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Cheryl Turner (1965-72), class 2.ii honours B.A., degree in Industrial Economy at Nottingham University, intends to perfect her French by seeking employment in France.

Ian Phipps (1966-73), honours B.Sc. class 3 in Mathematics at Warwick University, is employed by G.E.C. Telecommunications at Coventry.

Martin Walker (1962-69) has been appointed a director of an advertising agency in Southampton.

D. E. Sale (1950-58) is a Housemaster at St. Joseph's Comprehensive School, Aberavon. He would be pleased to hear from any former pupils who remember him. His address is: 3 Adam Walk, Court Herbert, Neath, W. Glamorgan SA10 7DA.

Michael Ledbury (1948-55) is Headmaster of Cookhill Primary School.

Mary Seeney (1966-73) is the secretary to the manager of an American Bank in Brussels.

Howard Hodgkins (1966-73), joint honours degree in Physics and Polymer Science Technology, class 2.i at U.W.I.S.T., is taking a one year post-graduate Education course at Bath University.

Mark Perkins (1966-73), B.Sc. degree, class 2.ii, in Agriculture at Reading University, intends to take a short service commission in the Army.

Ian Tanner (1966-73), B.A. degree, class 2.ii, in History and Politics at Lancaster University, is continuing his studies in Education.

Nigel Turner (1966-73), B.Sc., degree, class 2.ii, in Chemistry at Bristol University, expects to join the British Steel Corporation.

Wendy Salmon (1966-73), honours B.A. degree class 2.i in Mathematics and Economics at Warwick University, is employed in the Consumer Protection Department of West Midlands County Council as a trainee Trading Standards Officer.

David P. Rouch (1964-69) is working for British Airways in Manchester.

Christopher Saunders (1962-69) is teaching English in Tenerife.

MARRIAGES

Anthony ROBERTS (58-64) to Esme EVANS.

Nicholas WOOD to Janice BALDWIN (62-69).

Patricia FARRANT (née PALMER) (48-55) to Dennis RAWLINGS.

Mark Perkins (66-73) to Mary HYAMS.

STAFF NEWS

Owing to increasing demands on his time for parochial duties, the Rev. J. Emrys-Jones left at the Autumn half-term, when the teaching of Religious Studies was taken over by Mrs. M. G. Satchell who continued until July.

In March, Mrs. B. Woodcock, B.Sc., replaced Mrs. Watterson as Laboratory Assistant.

We welcome Mrs. M. E. Albon who joined the school in the summer term to teach Chemistry.

In July, the whole school gave its good wishes and thanks to Mr. J. W. Bell on his retirement after 28 years in this school. Mr. Bell was appointed to teach Mathematics and Physics in 1948 and took

charge of the Mathematics Department a year later. From 1950 until its disbandment in 1957, he was a Captain in the school contingent of the O.T.C., which trained boys in Military affairs. We all wish him every happiness in the future.

At the end of the school year we also said farewell to Mlle G. d'Hubert, who returned to France after a year as French assistant, and to Mr. A. Hayward, whom we congratulate on his appointment as Head of Science at Lord Hever's School in Maidstone, Kent.

Mr. M. I. Davies, who has taught Mathematics here since 1973 and helped with cricket and rugby, moved to Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester, and Mrs. M. Mulholland returned to Canada after teaching English and taking charge of school dramatic productions for the past four years.

During the year we were joined by students for their period of teaching practice — Miss Percy for P.E. and Geography from Coventry College, and Miss Grice for Home Economics from Worcester College.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. R. Morgan and her husband on the birth of a son.

We regret to have to report the death on March 2nd, 1976 of Miss Mary Evans who taught mathematics here from 1944-59 and who was living in retirement with her sister in Alcester.

When the new term opened in September we welcomed the return of Mr. C. J. Johnson after a study year on secondment at the University of East Anglia. New members of staff to whom we offer a warm welcome this year are:—

Mr. P. D. N. Balaam M.A. from Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead, who is Head of Mathematics Department; Mr. A. J. MacDonald B.Sc. from Hull University Department of Education to teach Mathematics; Mrs. V. M. Pearson from Stratford to teach Religious Studies; and Mrs. Slaughter who replaces Mrs. Foster as laboratory assistant.

October 8th 1976. Stop Press congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Maund on the birth of a son, John.

The following results were obtained by pupils of Alcester Grammar School in the 1976 Advanced Level examinations of the Oxford Local Examining Board.

* indicates the highest grade of pass.

Andrew Blundell—Mathematics, Physics*, Chemistry; Andrew Crabtree— Geography; Stephen Cull—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; Neil Goodwin—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; Roger Holland—Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; David Horton—History, Economics, Geography; Andrew Hughes—Physics, Art, Music; Andrew Lamb—History, Art; John O'Sullivan—Art; Alistair Pitts—Economics; Simon Plummer—Physics, Biology; David Rose—Mathematics, Physics*, Chemistry*; Julian Saunders—English, History*, Geography; Michael Seeney—Physics; Christopher Sharratt—Physics, Engineering Drawing*; Peter Strain—Physics; Nicholas Titley—History, Economics, Geography; Christopher

Woodhouse—Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; Kay Adkins—English, Economics, Art; Julie Allum—French, Mathematics; Kim Badland—English, History, Art; Frances Beech—English, History, Art; Veronica Bridge—English, History, Art; Joanna Broadis—English, French, History; Rosemary Bryan—English, French, German; Margaret Clarke—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; Victoria Coldicutt—French, Spanish; Ann Collins—Mathematics*, Physics* Music; Janella Cund—History, Economics, Geography; Judith Evans—French, Mathematics; Teresa Flanagan—History; Sara Gardener—Chemistry, Biology; Christine Lamb—French, History; Ruth Maw—History, Mathematics; Valerie Miles—French, History; Kathryn Orange—Biology, Home Economics (Food); Lorraine O'Sullivan—English, French, Art; Debra Overton—Art; Jacqueline Shaw—French, Spanish; Lesley Stiles—English*, History, Art; Janet Tedstone—History, Economics, Home Economics (Food); Hilary Whinn—English, German.

The following successes at Grade C or above were obtained by pupils of Alcester Grammar School in the 1976 Ordinary Level examinations of the Oxford Local Examining Board.

e—English Language, el—English Literature, f—French, h—History, g—Geography, m—Mathematics, p—Physics, c—Chemistry, b—Biology, hb—Human Biology, ck—Cookery, ed—Engineering Drawing, met—Metalwork, rk Religious Knowledge, a—Art, mus—Music, s—Spanish, nw—Needlework, ger—German, seh—Social & Economic History.

* denotes that the highest grade of pass was obtained.

FIFTH FORMS

Dale Allen—el, h, m, p, b; Neil Cammock—e, g, ed; Jeffrey Careless—e*, el, g, n, p, ed; John Clemmow—e; Stephen Davies—m, p, c, a; Timothy Drew—e, el, g*, m, p, c; Graham Dunbar—m, p, hb, ed; Nicholas Forbes—e, el, h, g, m, p, c; Colin Foster—e, el*, f, ger, g, m*, p*, c*; Christopher Howarth—el, g*, m, p*, c, b*, mus; Jeremy Legg—e, el, f, g*, m*, p*, ed*; Nigel Noaks—e, el, f, g*, m, p*, c, b*; Nicholas Rospin—e, el, g*, m, p, c, b; Robert Sealey—el, m, p, c, b, ed*; Martin Woodger—e, f, g, m, p, c, b; Sylvia Ashton—e*, el*, f*, ger*, h*, m, hb*, a; Christine Baldwin—e, el, f*, ger, h, m, b, a; Christine Catherall—e, el, f, h, g*, m*, c, ck*; Frances Clack—e, el, f*, ger, m, mus*; Amanda Clark—e, el, f, m, p, c, b*, ck*; Joanna Downes—e*, el*, f, m, hb*, ck, a; Elizabeth Hadwen—e, el, f, m*, p, c, b; Jill Harrison—e, el, g, ck; Claire Jackson-Mee—e, el*, f, m*, p*, c, b*; Janet Leighton—e, el, f, h, b, ck*, a; Ruth Lynam—e, el, f*, h, g*, m, b*, ck*; Julie Quiney—p, c, b*; Jan Read—e*, el*, f*, ger*, h, g*, m, a; Tina Ross—e, el, hb; Gillian White—e, el, f, m*, p*, c, b, ck*; Belinda Young—e, el, hb; Michael Allen—e, el, h, p, c, b; Steven Beachus—e, el, f, g*, m, p, b; Andrew Broadis—el, a; Timothy Clarke—e, el, m, p, c; Ian Crabtree—e, g, m, p, c, met; Clive Devey—e, el, g, m, p*, c, met; Brian Freeman—e, el, m, p*, b, a; Jeremy Handy—ed; David Harrison—e, el, g, m, p, a; Richard Heath—e, f, g, p, a; Christopher Hood—e, el*, f, h, g*, m; Stephen Hunt—el, m, p, ed; Christopher Jennings—g, ed; David Pegg—e*, el, m, p; David Phillips—e, el, f, m*, p*, c, b; David Pitts—e*, el, m, p*, hb, met, a; Michael Rich—e, el, g, m, p*, c, b; David Woodhouse—e, el*, f*, ger, m, p*, c, b*; John Yapp—e, el, m, p, c; Christine Beech—e, el*, f, m, p*, c, b*, a; Mary Emerson—e, el*, f*, ger, m*, p*, c*, b*, mus*, Linda Farmery—e, el*, f, m, p, c, b*, ck; Lesley Harris—e, el, f, h, m, ck*; Trudy Hillman—e, el*, f, h, m, hb, ck; Jennifer Ingram—el, f, m, ck; Amanda Mason—e, el, h, hb*; Alison Scott—e, el*, f, h, m, p, c, b*; Debra Smith—e*, el*, f*, m*, p*, c, b*, a*; Diane Taylor—e, el, h, g, m, ck; Laura Watton—e, el, ck, a.

SIXTH FORMS

Carol Horton—seh; Clare Devonald—nw; Kathryn Orange—c; Peter Shaw—met; Gregory Wainwright—seh; Brian Williams—g; Anne Evans—rk; Fiona Hair—seh*, m; Cheryl Miles—seh*; Juliette Mulvaney—seh; Andrea Tadd—m; Linda Watson—mus.

C.S.E. RESULTS IN MATHEMATICS

Janet Leighton (2); Tina Ross (3); Belinda Young (3); Susan Whitehouse (3).

WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

Upper Sixth Form Leavers:—

To Universities: Neil Goodwin (Major in Accountancy at Minnesota), Kim Badland (Art at Manchester), Ann Collins (Psychology at York), Andrew Blundell (Chemistry at Bristol), Stephen Cull (Physics at York), David Horton (Geography at Goldsmith's College, London), Simon Plummer (Biological Science at Dundee), Julian Saunders (Geography at Aberystwyth), Nicholas Titley (Economics and Business Studies at Aberystwyth), Joanna Broadis (French and Linguistics at Reading), Lesley Stiles (English at East Anglia), Roger Holland (Accountancy at Southampton), David Rose (Chemistry at Bristol), Christopher Woodhouse (Chemistry and Computational Science at Leeds), Janella Cund (Law at Birmingham), Rosemary Bryan (Lampeter, University of Wales). Lorraine O'Sullivan (Dundee University).

To Colleges of Education: Veronica Bridge, (St. Mary's, Newcastle-on-Tyne), Carol Horton (St. Osyth's, Clacton), Valerie Miles (Coventry), Hilary Whinn (Leeds and Carnegie), Janet Tedstone (Cheltenham).

To Other Colleges: Andrew Hughes (Coventry College of Music), Frances Beech (Manchester Polytechnic), Susan Stephens (Birmingham College of Music), Kay Adkins (Brighton Polytechnic), Christine Lamb, Vicky Coldicutt, Jackie Shaw, Julie Allum (Bi-lingual Course at Rugby), Debra Overton (Foundation Course at Leamington College of Art), Andrew Lamb (Foundation Course in Art at Filton Technical College), Judith Evans (Secretarial Course at Solihull), Sara Gardener (Secretarial Course at Leamington College of F.E.), John O'Sullivan (Foundation Course in Art), Teresa Flanagan (Redditch F.E.), Hazel Williams (Stratford F.E.), Christopher Harz (Redditch F.E.), Margaret Clarke (Accountancy at Lanchester Polytechnic).

To Other Training: Andrew Crabtree (Farming), Clare Devonald (Nursing at London Hospital, Whitechapel), Ruth Maw (Nursing at Guy's Hospital, London), Robin Jones, Peter Strain (Metallurgy in Redditch).

Fifth Form Leavers: Andrew Broadis (S.W.C.F.E. Arts Course), Timothy Clarke (Leamington F.E.), Jeremy Handy (Carpentry in Stratford building firm), David Pegg (Army apprenticeship), David Pitts (Electronics at Matthew Boulton College), Amanda Mason (Redditch F.E.), Laura Watton (Catering at S.W.C.F.E.), Robert Clayton (Needle Industries); Jill Harrison (Civil Service), Andrew Lamb (Retail carpets).

Lower Sixth Form Leavers: Elizabeth Seymour (Wellesbourne Research Station), Gregory Wainwright (Retail business), Stephen Czapko (Chemical apprenticeship).

PREFECTS 1976-77

Head Boy: David Peters; **Deputy Head Boys:** Timothy Baldwin, Neal Allen.

Head Girl: Pauline Ashton; **Deputy Head Girl:** Claire Duffin.

Prefects: All members of the Upper Sixth.

SOLUTION to Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1. underestimate, 6. treasure, 8. ewe, 11. injured, 13. appliance, 17. way in, 18. Khedive, 21. rep, 22. arc, 23. e.g., 24. ale, 25. evens, 28. dry, 29. paint, 30. lisp, 32. aces, 33. renewal, 35 ask, 37 black and white.

Down: 2. doe, 3. rest in peace, 4. trenchant, 5. aver, 6. thaw, 7. rink, 9. weavers, 10. ed, 12. jeers; 19. D.C., 20. Egypt, 26. view, 27. ENSA, 28. dips, 29. panic, 31. oral, 34. lad, 35. ash, 36. me.

Timothy Baldwin L6S.

SCHOOL REGISTER

FAREWELL

Autumn Term 1975

Ian Pettifor (1S), David Palmer (2S), Lynne Robinson (3M), Jane Dalley (5S), Philip Parker (L6S), Andrew Cotterill (L6N), Graham Walter (L6N), Robin Dallaway (U6L).

Spring Term 1976

Stephen Smith (1M), Elizabeth Thornett (5S), Kay Thomas (L6S).

Summer 1976

U6L: Andrew Crabtree, Neil Goodwin, Andrew Hughes, John O'Sullivan, Alastair Pitts, Kim Badland, Frances Beech, Veronica Bridge, Ann Collins, Teresa Flanagan, Carol Horton, Christine Lamb, Debra Overton, Susan Stephens. U6M: Andrew Blundell, Stephen Cull, David Horton, Andrew Lamb, Simon Plummer, Julian Saunders, Nicholas Titley, Joanna Broadis, Vicki Coldicutt, Clare Devonald, Ruth Maw, Valerie Miles, Lorraine O'Sullivan, Jacqueline Shaw, Hilary Whinn, Hazel Williams, Lesley Stiles.

U6S: Christopher Harz, Roger Holland, Robin Jones, David Rose, Michael Seeney, Peter Strain, Christopher Woodhouse, Kay Adkins, Julie Allum, Rosemary Bryan, Margaret Clarke, Janella Cund, Judith Evans, Sara Gardener, Kathryn Orange, Janet Tedstone.

5M: Neil Cammock, Jeffrey Careless, Robert Clayton, John Clemmow, Andrew Lamb, Jeremy Legg (to Scotland), Jill Harrison, Tina Ross.

5S: Andrew Broadis, Timothy Clarke, Jeremy Handy, Christopher Jennings, David Pegg, David Pitts, Trudy Hillman, Jennifer Ingram, Amanda Mason, Laura Watton.

L6: Liz Seymour, Joy Peace, Stephen Czapko, Gregory Wainwright.

2S: Martin Green.

WELCOME

Autumn Term 1975

Paul C. Newton (3S).

Spring Term 1976

Cheryl A. Gulliver (2M), Jonathan D. B. Wolfe (2S), Ashley M. Smith (3S), Lynne B. Stafford (L6S).

Summer Term 1976

Jason Barnes (2S), Catherine A. Stancliffe (3M).

Autumn Term 1976

2M: Stephen Escott and Peter Bayley (Greville), Gail Reeves (Pontefract).

2S: Julia Hall and Andrew Shorey (Bidford), Francesca Tompkins (Stratford).

3M: Alex Ogg (Blackminster), Amanda Wearing (Lodge Park).

4M: Anthony Richards (Dunsmore).

4s: Diana Jones (Malvern Hall, Solihull).

5S: Louise Allen (Studley).

6th form: Christopher Tompkins (Abbey H. S. Redditch), Michael Burlton and Peter Wilks (St. Benedict's H.S.), James Toseland (Park Hall, Castle Bromwich), Gillian Sreeves (Greville H.S.), Fiona Reeves (Pontefract).

IM: Nicholas P. Bennett, Glenn B. Danks, David N. Davies, Simon Harris, Peter C. Hartland, David F. M. Lawrence, John Matthews, Sean Price, Mark D. Pugh, Duncan J. Rankin, Stephen D. Thomas, Julian S. Trout, Sean L. Wheeldon, Tessa Baggett, Rachel M. Baker, P. Dawn Coomber, Lisa M. Court, Tracey A. Cox, Lucinda Dale, Nicola Hancox, C. Mair Hughes, Sarah Jasper, Amanda A. King, Sarah J. Miller, Sally M. Sidaway, Deborah F. Skelton, Nicola R. Vale, Kim L. Watton, Margaret E. M. Yapp.

1S: Simon D. Biffin, Richard A. Brougham, Jonathan D. Cartledge, Melvin I. A. Crane, Philip J. Garrattley, Philip J. Hill, Nigel J. Payne, Brandon W. A. Ransley, Edward J. Rehring, Simon Rigby, Stephen Shirley, Peter Wallin, Philip C. Wright, Alan R. Young, Shireen O. L. Bourne, Jacqueline A. Collison, Dawn J. Drinkwater, Rosalind P. Jordan, Juliet E. Lee, D. Carole Lester, Catherine M. F. Lewis, Sarah F. Longstaff, Wendy J. Partridge, Cherysse Quinney, Sally A. Rundle, Amanda K. Shrimpton, Tracy L. Treadgold, Victoria J. Walters, Rachel J. Watton, Mandy J. Williams.